# The Near-Earth Object Human Space Flight Accessible Targets Study (NHATS)

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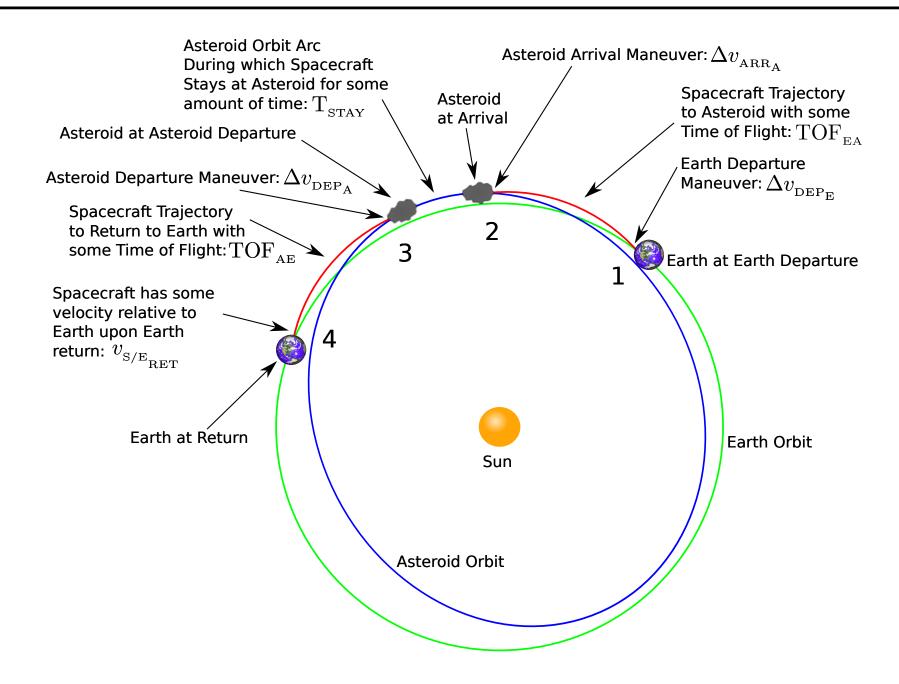
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## NHATS Overview

- Ongoing GSFC/JPL collaboration to automatically monitor NEA population for mission accessibility
- ▶ Began September 2010, automated March 2012
- Automated system runs daily (new/updated NEAs)
- ► NHATS web-site / database / mailing list
- Comprehensive mission trajectory calculations, plus next available optical
   adar observing opportunities
- Rapid notification aids observers in obtaining crucial follow-up observations
- Characterization of NEAs is essential for mission planning



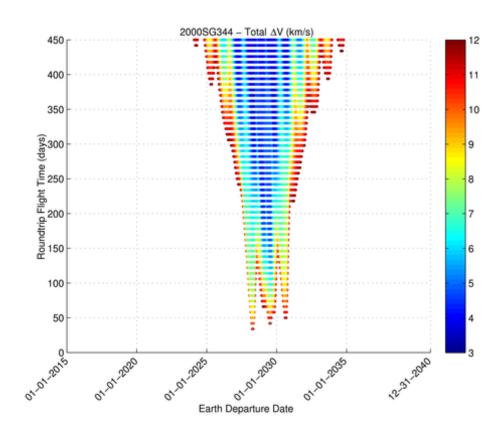
#### Profile of a Human Mission to an NEA



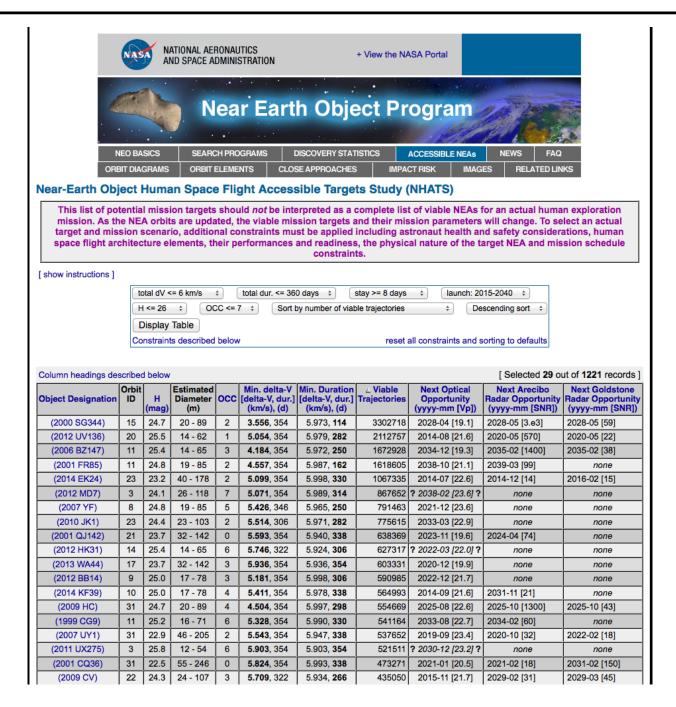


#### **NHATS** Trajectory Constraints

- ► Earth departure date between 2015-01-01 and 2040-12-31
- ightharpoonup Earth departure  $C_3 \leq 60 \; \mathrm{km}^2/\mathrm{s}^2$
- lacktriangle Total mission  $\Delta v \leq 12~\mathrm{km/s}$ 
  - ▶ Total  $\Delta v$  includes the Earth departure maneuver from a 400 km altitude circular parking orbit, the maneuver to match the NEA's velocity at arrival, the maneuver to depart the NEA and, if necessary, a maneuver to control the atmospheric re-entry speed during Earth return
- ► Total round trip mission duration ≤ 450 days
- ightharpoonup Stay time at NEA  $\geq$  8 days
- ► Earth atmospheric entry speed  $\leq 12$  km/s at an altitude of 125 km







(Available Online at: http://www.lpi.usra.edu/sbag/science/)



Mars Trajectory Data Sources:

### Accessible Near-Earth Asteroids (NEAs)



Goals of the Near-Earth Object Human Space Flight Accessible Targets Study (NHATS):

- Monitor the accessibility of the NEA population for exploration missions.
- Characterize the population of accessible NEAs.
- Rapidly notify observers so that crucial follow-up observations can be obtained.

NHATS data shown here current as of: 2014-06-07

PARTS Web-site: http://neo.jpl.nasa.gov/nhats/ NHATS Daily Updates: https://lists.nasa.gov/mailman/listinfo/nhats Chart by: Brent W. Barbee (NASA/GSFC) **Selected NHATS** 2031, 0.59 AU 2035, 0.72 AU 2039, 0.68 AU Note: Round-trip  $\Delta V$  and 7 day stay in highly elliptical **Statistics:** flight time for missions to 2033, 0.68 AU Mars Orbit (no landing), Phobos or Deimos are similar 12 km/s max Earth re-entry **Known NEAs:** (w/ Venus Flyby) <sup>O</sup> 2031. 0.68 AU to Round-trip  $\Delta V$  and flight 11,048 45 day stay in highly elliptical time for Mars missions. O 2032, 0.70 AU Mars Orbit (no landing), **NHATS NEAs:** △ 2033, 0.66 AU 12 km/s max Earth re-entry 1,211 (~11.0% of known) O 2036, 0.69 AU 45 day stay in highly elliptical Mean H for Known NEAs: △ 2032, 0.72 AU 2022, 0.71 AU Mars Orbit (no landing), 21.808 15 △ 2035, 0.78 AU △ 2031, 1.00 AU 12 km/s max Earth re-entry, 2031--2046 Earth Departures, Mean H for NHATS NEAs: uses Venus flyby ~500 day stay on Mars surface, 24 806 2031. 0.54 AU 2018, 0.77 AU O 2033, 0.74 AU Mars flyby, no stay in Mars 12 km/s max Earth re-entry 2037, 0.73 AU NHATS NEAs by Orbit Type: (w/ Venus Flyby) orbit, no landing, 12 km/s 0% ( 0% of Atiras) 2035, 0.81 AU 2035, 0.70 AU max Earth re-entry 2031, 0.40 AU O 2020, 0.77 AU Atens: 23% (33% of Atens)  $_{
m km}$ (w/ Venus Flyby) Mars data markers are annotated with 13 (w/ Venus Flyby) 2034, 0.73 AU 6 2019, 0.73 AU Apollos: 60% (12% of Apollos) Earth departure year and closest 2034, 0.72 AU 2034, 0.72 AU Amors: 17% (5% of Amors) LEO) NHATS NEAs SMA (AU): 0.76, 1.16, 1.82  $\Delta V = 12 \text{ km/s}$  Reference Line (Min, Mean, Max) (from NHATS NEAs ECC: Note: No round-trip Mars mission opportunities are 0.01, 0.22, 0.45 less than 12 km/s and less than 450 days. (Min, Mean, Max) NHATS NEAs INC (deg): 2018. 0.73 AU ◁ 0.02, 5.15, 16.26 (Min, Mean, Max) 2031--2046 Earth Departures, 2033, 0.62 AU Round-Trip to Lunar Surface ~500 day stay in highly elliptical Round (w/ Venus Flyby) Mars Orbit (no landing), 12 km/s max Earth re-entry Notes on Earth re-entry speed: - Earth re-entry speed is approx. 11 km/s for lunar missions / ARRM 2021, 0.70 AU [otal - Max Earth re-entry speed for NHATS is 12 km/s; many NHATS (w/ Venus Flyby) mission opportunites have < 12 km/s re-entry Round-Trip to Low Lunar Orbit -(no landing) Note: Some round-trip trajectories entering Mars ARRM (human orbit will require additional Minimum  $\Delta V$  from LEO to Earth Escape Reference Line  $\Delta V$ , up to 1 km/s (or more, in some cases), for lunar DRO) incoming/outgoing asymptote **60,538** Selected Mission Opportunities to -Round-Trip Flight Time = 450 days Reference Line alignment. This is not reflected 1,211 NHATS NEAs, departing Earth 2015--2040 in the data shown here. minimum stay time at the NEAs is 8 days Denotes Earth departure during 2025--2030 Note: Apparent gaps in NHATS NEA data are not actually empty. These data come from the NHATS web-sit and apparent gaps are merely due to the fact that optimal solutions are only shown for certain data bins 400 450 500 550 650 750 850 900 950

Round-Trip Flight Time, days